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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,501,829
- (2) JP 2610438
- (3) JP 7-171142
- (4) JP 11-99146
- (5) GB 2 371 196
- (6) U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0154728
- (7) U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0024601

Copies of Documents (2) to (5) are enclosed. Pursuant to 1276 OG 55, copies of the remaining documents are not enclosed.

Documents (2) and (3) are cited in the specification, and might be pertinent

for the reasons noted therein. Documents (3) to (7) were cited in a Search Report for a

counterpart European Application, and might be pertinent for the reasons noted therein. A

copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

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